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## **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$14,970 TO CITY OF POTOSI**

Greg Branum, State Director for USDA Rural Development in Missouri, announced \$14,970 in funding to the City of Potosi. The ceremony was held on November 21, 2005, at the Potosi City Hall. The Mock Check represents approval of \$14,970 Community Facility Grant funds to be used to purchase eight video cameras to be mounted in the city police cars. These cameras will aid in the safety of both citizens and police officers.



Terry Luetkemeyer, Cathy Coffman, Heather Garner, Emerson's Office Jenny Goncher, Talent's Office, Mayor Wayne Malugen, Greg Branum, SD, and Ed Vincent, Building Commissioner  
2nd row Kevin Engler, 3rd District State Senator, Roy Logsden, Chief of Police, and Roger Coleman, City Clerk

“Our local law enforcement told us they needed camera equipment in patrol cars to aid in the safety of officers involved in stopping a vehicle,” said U.S. Senator Jim Talent, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. “The funding will allow the Potosi Police Department to purchase eight new video cameras which can provide evidence if needed. These upgrades will result in better protection for Southern Missouri.”

U. S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson said, “Our rural first responders are on the front lines of all kinds of emergencies, and they face challenges and circumstances you don't ordinarily find in the cities. The upgrades we are announcing today represent a tremendous investment in health and safety for Southern Missouri. I appreciate the hard work of our two U.S. Senators, Kit Bond and Jim Talent, on this funding, as well as the ability of USDA Rural Development to identify opportunities to improve the quality of life in Southern Missouri and to disburse these federal funds.”

Branum added, “Appreciation is extended to U.S. Senators “Kit” Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson for supporting USDA Rural Development. Economic development, the creation of jobs and funding essential services mirror the Agency’s mission and President Bush’s initiative of increasing economic opportunity in rural communities and improving the quality of life of rural residents”.

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